financial companies and miscellaneous non-banking companies which have submitted these statutory returns till 31st May 1986 is not readily available with the Reserve Bank of India.

The question of taking action would arise only if any of these companies have not filed their returns by 30th June, 1966.

Promotion of exports

764. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SlNGH; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the steps Government have taken or propose to take in the matter of major thrust ior promoting exports to meet balance of payment difficulties including the role of Export Promotion Council Export Houses SSI units, Cottage industries, Handicrafts and garments

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE < SHRI BRAHM DUTT): A $_s$erie$_3$ of measures have been taken in the area of fiscal policy industrial policy and import policy and for providing titutional support for expert promotion. The effort ha to ensure that in the growth sectors es are generated capital -roods and equipments are available upgrad- tecnologies, raw materials are available at international price$_s$ and easier access provided for such mater- nd components as ' be imported and exports a; profitable

Grant in aid is given to Export Promotion Councils under MUA for export promotion efforts made by them such as, participation, in exhibitions sponsoring sales-cum Study teams, etc. Under the Scheme of Export Houses and Trading Houses exporters can get themselves recognised as export ho use-! trading houses. They are then eligible for a number ort facilities in the form of REP licences and additional licences, etc A number of facilities have also been given to the Small Scale sector such as, import of proto-type, capital goods raw materials, • etc, as per the current Import Policy.

Financial assistance to Sikhs terrors-

765. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK**:**
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA**:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 23rd June, 1986 to th effect that financial and other help are being provided from Canada to Sikh terrorists operating in India, if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) whether it has also been reported that extremists planned to blow up Indian Parliament buildings; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken io meet, the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On June 14, 1986, sev^n persons were arrested by Canadian authorities on charges of conspiring to commit terrorist acts like blowing up the Indian Parliament building. The conspirtors had reportedily discussed the remittance of funds to Indja. All the accused in the case are being prosecuted under Canadian law. The preliminary hearing of the case in Court will be held in September, 1986.

(c) Government are alert to the threat of extremist and terrorist activities against. India from abroad**.**